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LCO No. 3268



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT LIMITING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT
MISSING ADULTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-1f of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (NEW) (c) The release of information concerning individuals
4 described in subsection (a) of this section shall only be to the extent
5 necessary to identify the individual and shall be in accordance with the
6 provisions of subsection (b) of section 1-210 and the Health Insurance
7 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), P.L. 104-191, as
8 amended from time to time, unless the release of otherwise
9 confidential information is deemed by the Commissioner of
10 Emergency Services and Public Protection to be essential to the health
11 and safety of the missing person or any member of the public. Such
12 release shall only be made after the commissioner makes a reasonable
13 attempt to secure the consent of the missing person's relative,
14 guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact or health care representative, as
15 described in subsection (a) of this section.

16 Sec. 2. Section 7-294o of the general statutes is amended by adding
17 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

18 (NEW) (c) Information released pursuant to subsection (a) of this
19 section shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 29-1f, as
20 amended by this act.

21 Sec. 3. Section 17a-465b of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

23 A relative, guardian or conservator of a person who is receiving
24 inpatient services at a facility of the Department of Mental Health and
25 Addiction Services and is missing from such facility may request the
26 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to file a
27 missing person report with the Department of Emergency Services and
28 Public Protection for purposes of receiving assistance in locating such
29 person under subsection (a) of section 29-1f, as amended by this act.
30 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-146c and 52-146e, the
31 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services may authorize
32 an employee of the department who is certified under the provisions
33 of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, to file a missing person report
34 with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
35 [under subsection (a) of section 29-1f with respect to such person.]
36 Such report shall disclose only the minimal amount of information
37 concerning such person as is necessary [for purposes of the assistance
38 provided under subsection (a) of section 29-1f] and shall be released in
39 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 29-1f, as
40 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	29-1f
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	7-294o
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17a-465b

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